

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1429

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robbie Salter Wolfe of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robbie Salter Wolfe of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Salter Wolfe was an exemplary public servant and a true humanitarian who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Lee Taylor was born in Hardin County on August 27, 1923, to Bob and Nora Taylor; and

WHEREAS, in her late teens she married Raymond Salter, a local educator, and became a Christian in 1944; and

WHEREAS, as a newlywed, Robbie Salter Wolfe sought training as a hair stylist, but there were no training schools at that time in Hardin County; undeterred, she obtained her driver license and commuted from her home to Jackson in order to complete the six-week program of study—a feat that was seen as unusual for a young woman of her day; and

WHEREAS, one of the original "working moms," Robbie Salter Wolfe worked six days a week while raising her only daughter, Debbie Salter Durham; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Robbie Salter Wolfe unexpectedly became a widow, when her husband, Raymond Salter passed away; and

WHEREAS, she later married Herman L. Wolfe, Sr., and became the wife of a minister; she also provided valuable assistance in the operation of Wolfe Brothers Restaurant in Savannah; and

WHEREAS, Herman Wolfe successfully ran for public office and distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 71st House District, whom he served as a member of the 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, and 95th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, soon after being officially sworn in to serve in the 96th General Assembly, however, Representative Wolfe passed away; in 1989, Robbie Salter Wolfe successfully ran on the Republican ticket to succeed her husband and complete the remainder of his two-year term; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wolfe retired upon completion of her term of office and joined a women's golf team, which afforded her the opportunity to pursue her love for the game while traveling as much as possible; a spirited golfer, she remained an active player well into her eighties; and

WHEREAS, to be close to her family, in 2006 she moved to Jackson, where she lived independently until her passing at the age of ninety-eight on February 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter, Debbie Durham, and her husband, Bill Durham; her grandchildren, Farra Durham and Grant Durham and his wife, Lisa; and her great-grandchildren, Luke Durham and Andrew Durham; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Salter Wolfe leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robbie Salter Wolfe, reflecting fondly upon her

impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Wolfe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.